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Tokuhiisa OHIWA, et al.) **Prior** Group Art Unit: 2823
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced divisional application.

The listed documents were previously submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in prior application No. 09/604,724, filed June 28, 2000, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-5592 discloses magnetic film patterning by lifting off a magnetic film, by subjecting a resist film to solvent and applying magnetic force to the magnetic film.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

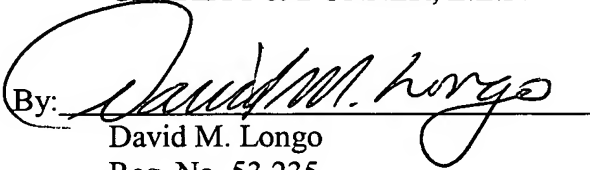
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Respectfully submitted,

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